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ART BOOM

KARIN JAROSZYNSKA, the Johannesburg graphic artist, is just back from a successful show in a city rather off the customary exhibition circuit: Helsinki.

Having a word with her this week, she told me she was invited to hold a show in the Finnish capital's Strindberg Gallery, one of the city's nine top galleries.

Art interest in Helsinki, she says, is high as Finland is only now undergoing an awakening after the long aftermath of the war with Russia, as a result of which she was heavily burdened by a crushing war debt.